Key Messages for Parents wanting to access their child's Grades on the Report Card Through Parent Portal

Hi Everyone,

Below are some aspects of Parent Portal that we would like all parents to be aware of regarding Wolf Creek's common report card for Grades K-6 and the pilot version of the common report card for Grades 7-9.

For these grades and pilot schools, Wolf Creek teachers are only reporting on Curricular Outcomes - Most parents will not see a Final Grade in any of the courses but all will see scores for individual assignments.

The divide line on this is whether you have a High School attached to your school. High Schools are still on a traditional, percent score and the program does not allow for different settings within a school. If you have a high school attached, you will see a final letter grade AND a final percentage on the main screen of Parent Portal. Both should be ignored and parents should look at the standards grades discussed later in this communication.

Since teachers use a variety of different teaching methods and assessment strategies, there is no specified number of assignments a teacher must have in their grade book. Some teachers may choose to use several smaller assignments to assess student learning while another teacher may choose to assess using larger projects. This variability allows teachers to hone their instruction to meet the needs of their students.   This also means the timeline for teachers to enter assignments into the gradebook may vary from class to class.

While teachers are responsible for keeping their online gradebook updated regularly, there may not be assignments entered each day or week.

It **IS** reasonable to expect that Powerteacher Pro is updated every month, with several tasks for each class. This will look different for every class, every teacher, division wide. If you wish for more detailed information, sooner than the teacher naturally provides, please reach out to them and ask - whether by email or through the school.

Over the next several pages, I will take you through navigativing Parent Portal, at least the marks part of it, from both on the Desktop version and the Phone App. We do recommend the desktop version. That version can be accessed on any phone that has a web browser as well. We find that the desktop version of Parent Portal allows you to see more information regarding your student's marks than the App. Please note that the App is really tailored to give parents one final grade in each course. That is a very traditional way of reporting that we are moving away from. As such, the App will not give you all the important information we want you to see about your student(s).

Thanks for reading.

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Directions for Wolf Creek Parents to View Their Child's Marks via Parent Portal
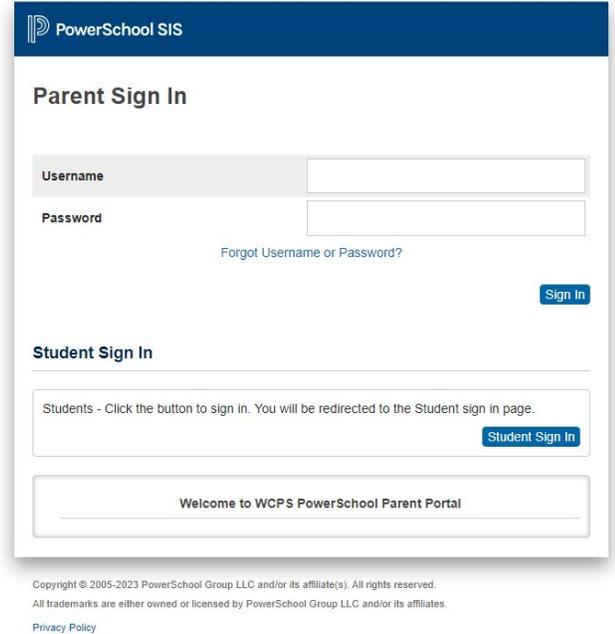
The desktop version of PowerSchool is preferred but we will touch on the Phone App as well.

Desktop Version
Please log into your Parent Portal account the way you usually do or use this link:
https://wolfcreek.powerschool.com/public/home.html

Once into Parent Portal, the default screen is Grades and Attendance. In the Blue bar near the top, select (click on) the student you wish to view information for - if you have more than one.

Wolf Creek has moved to Standards Based reporting. To see individual assignments, click on Course Info. Standards Grades for the whole course can be found by clicking on the Standards Grades tab.
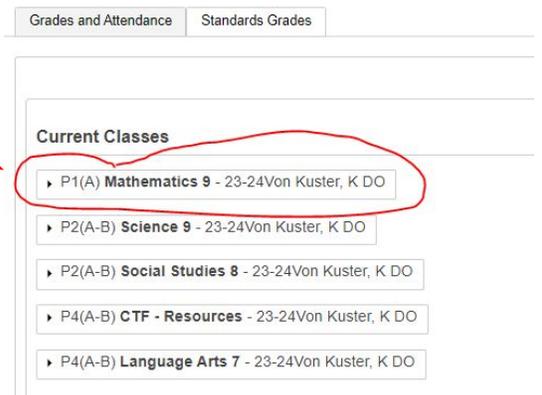Please do that next.

Once you select Standards Grades - you will be presented with a list of all your student's classes. Click the class you wish to view.

The window expands to show all of the General Outcomes (standards) for that class and how you child is doing in each one of them. Jr High uses % for core classes while everything else uses the Wolf Creek letter grade scale. **These are the grades that will show up on the Common Report Card for this class.**

Current Classes

▾ **P1(A) Mathematics 9** - 23-24Von Kuster, K DO

Standards	F1
9MA.1 Develop number sense.	84
9MA.2 Use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems.	88
9MA.3 Represent algebraic expressions in multiple ways.	71
9MA.4 Use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems.	63
9MA.5 Describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, and analyze the relationships among them.	76
9MA.6 Describe and analyze position and motion of objects and shapes.	76
9MA.7 Collect, display and analyze data to solve problems.	76
9MA.8 Use experimental or theoretical probabilities to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty.	79

▸ **P2(A-B) Science 9** - 23-24Von Kuster, K DO

▸ **P2(A-B) Social Studies 8** - 23-24Von Kuster, K DO

You can expand another or all the classes by scrolling down and selecting the extra classes you wish to view.

To view individual assignments, you can go back to the previous screen by selecting the Grades and Attendance tab

Grades and Attendance: Clegane, Gregor WCTS

Grades and Attendance	Standards Grades

											Attendance By Class
		Last Week					This Week				Course
Exp	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	
P1(A)		.		.		.		.			Mathematics 9 ⊞ Email Von Kuster, K DO - Rm:
P2(A-B)	.	.	.	.		.	.	.			Science 9 ⊞ Email Von Kuster, K DO - Rm:

Now that you are back on this screen, select either the "Course Info" words or the mark that appears in F1. <mark>If you have a High School attached to your school - you will see a Letter Grade here AND a percentage. This is a traditional grade average of all of the work your child has done. It is NOT appropriate for what we are trying to communicate here (teachers aren't even marking that way) but we can't turn it off either as High Schools still use this. Please do your best to ignore information here..</mark>

The next screen can be confusing so bear with me. The score here is a traditional grade which we no longer emphasize. We want teachers to include it so that you, as a parent, can still see how your child did on the actual assignment,   However, if you click on the blue dropdown menu, the standard(s) shows up with the associated score. This is the important part.

You can go back to the start page by clicking Grades and Attendance in the Navigation menu in the left column
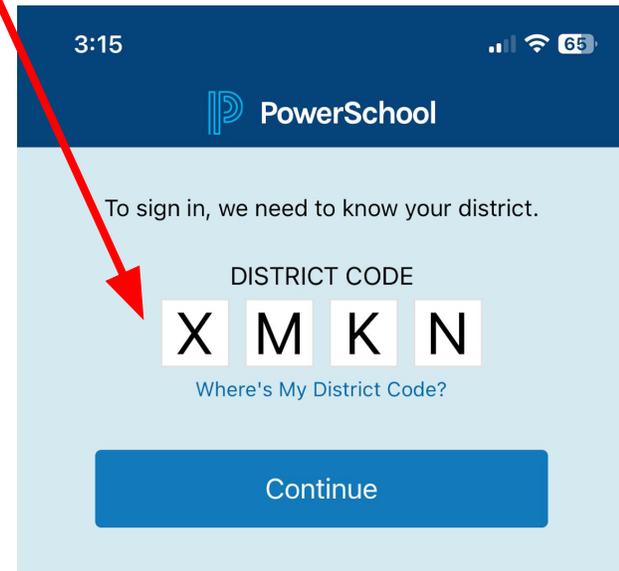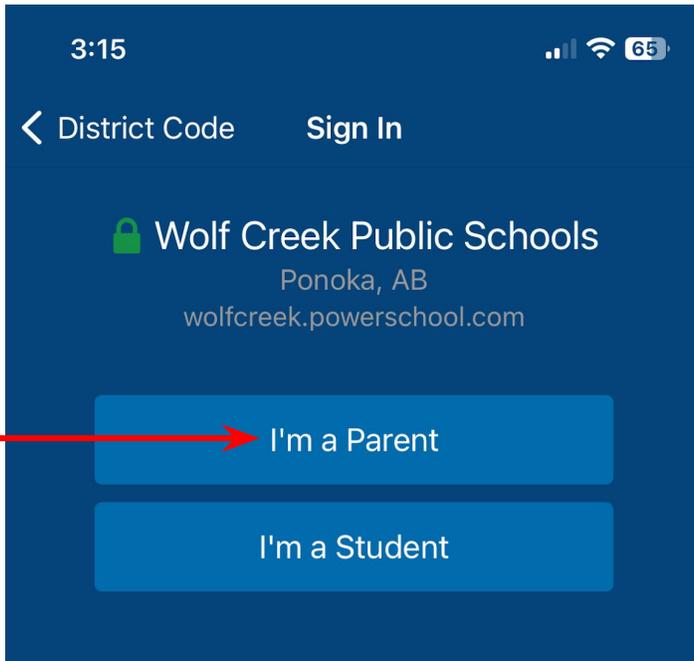
That is how to use the Desktop version to access Standards Grades.

Directions for Wolf Creek Parents to View Their Child's Marks via the Phone APP
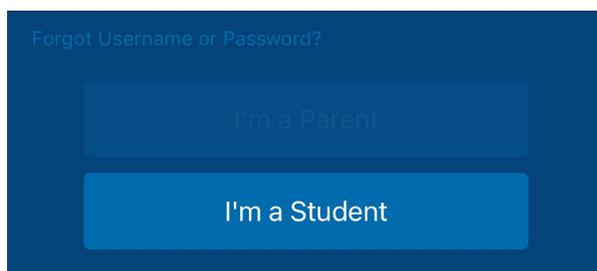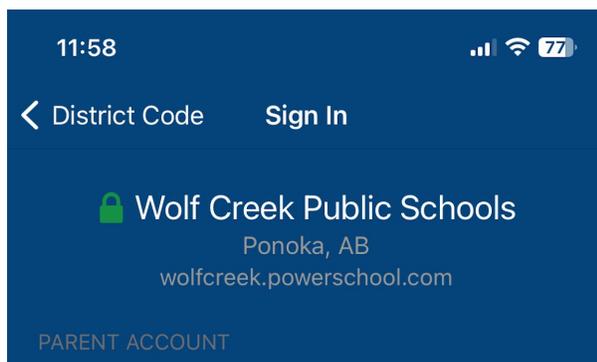
In the Phone App Version (I am using a iphone but Android is similar), you have to download the Powerschool Mobile App

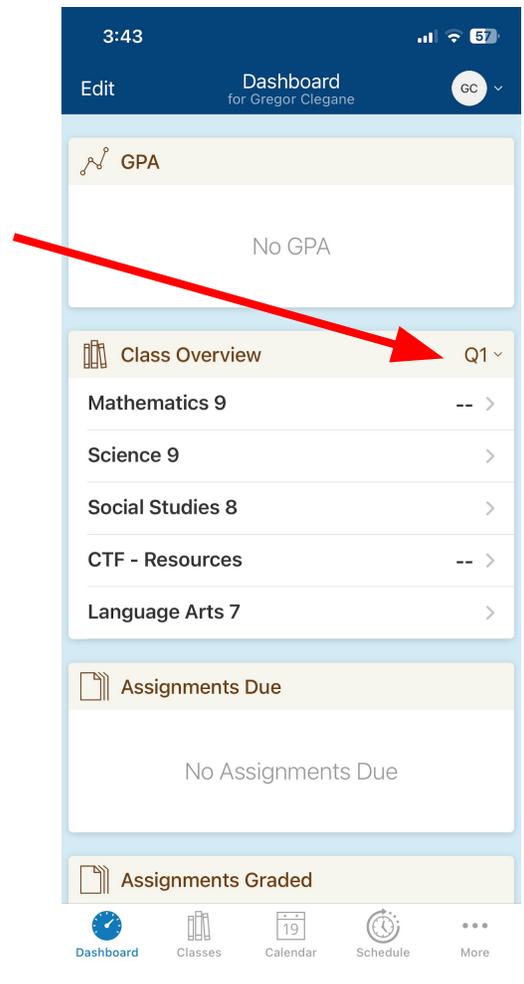After downloading, you will need to enter the District Code. Wolf Creek's code is XMKN

Then you will be taken to a Wolf Creek landing page. Please select parent and then enter your user name and password.

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PowerSchool

To sign in, we need to know your district.

DISTRICT CODE

X M K N

Where's My District Code?

Continue

This start page is then displayed. You will remain logged in on this device until you manually log out.

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< District Code   **Sign In**

🔒 Wolf Creek Public Schools
Ponoka, AB
wolfcreek.powerschool.com

I'm a Parent

I'm a Student

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< District Code   **Sign In**

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Ponoka, AB
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PARENT ACCOUNT

Username |

Password

Forgot Username or Password?

I'm a Parent

I'm a Student

If you have a high school attached to your school, you will see a grades here. Please remember that this is NOT the important information we want you to have and try to ignore this grade.

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Edit   **Dashboard**
for Gregor Clegane   GC ˅

📈 GPA

No GPA

📚 Class Overview   Q1 ˅

Mathematics 9   -- >

Science 9   >

Social Studies 8   >

CTF - Resources   -- >

Language Arts 7   >

📄 Assignments Due

No Assignments Due

📄 Assignments Graded

Dashboard   Classes   Calendar   Schedule   More

On this page, we can:

Check the active student here

change the active student here if you have more than one

View an overall GPA here, we don't use this so this should be blank

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Edit   **Dashboard**
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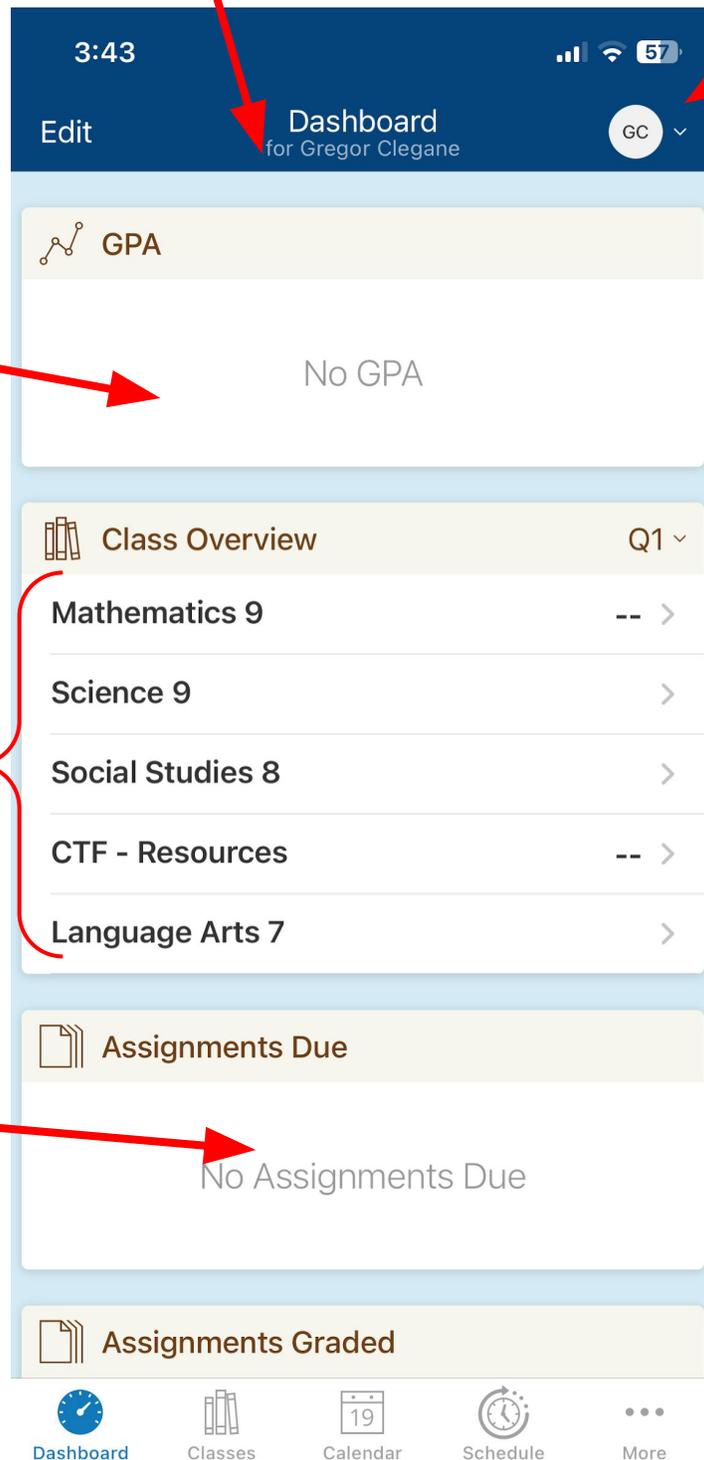
📈 **GPA**

No GPA

Note: there is no grade here as this is the spot for a traditional grade, not a standards grade. If you have a high school attached to your school, you will see a mark here. Please do your best to ignore this.

Select a class here to view specific classwork

📚 **Class Overview**   Q1 ⌄

Mathematics 9	-- >
Science 9	>
Social Studies 8	>
CTF - Resources	-- >
Language Arts 7	>

It is not an accurate reflection of anything on the Wolf Creek common report card..

See any assignments that have due dates: Many teachers do not use this function but the program has it so you may see assignments listed here.
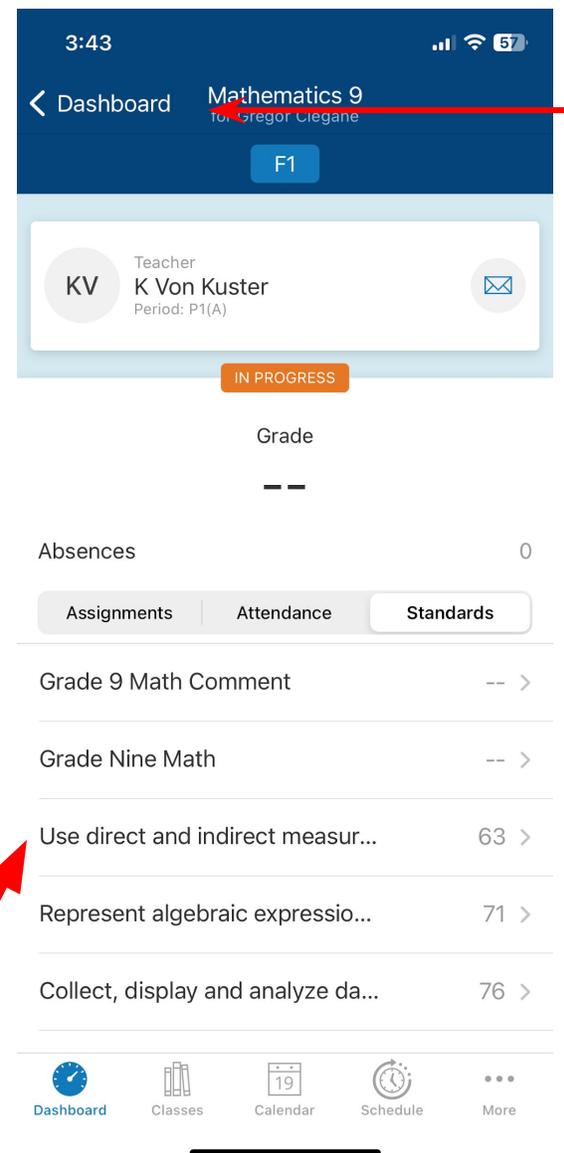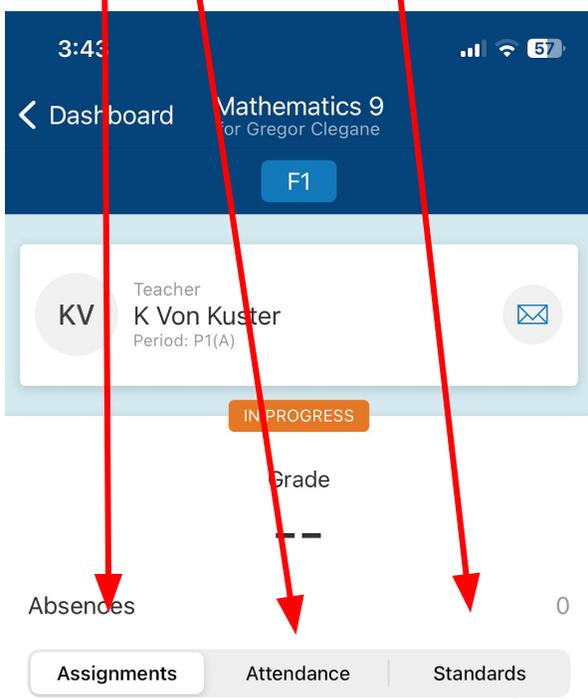
📄 **Assignments Due**

No Assignments Due

📄 **Assignments Graded**

⏱️ **Dashboard**   📚 **Classes**   📅19 **Calendar**   ⏲️ **Schedule**   ••• **More**

See any assignments that have been graded with traditional grades.

Please select a class to see the next screen

I selected Math 9 from the previous page. Once a class is selected, we have 3 tabs to choose from:

1) Assignments for that class (default) - this tab shows traditional grades only - how the student actually did on the assignment.

2) Attendance - good to know but not relevant to our discussion

3) Standards - this is the one we want

Please select the Standards Tab:

Now we see this screen, which shows us the marks for all of the general outcomes in the class, scroll down as required.

PLEASE NOTE: THE APP does NOT show show individual outcomes per assignment. - only the desktop version does that.

Click the <Dashboard arrow to get back to the previous screen.

That is all that is needed to view Standards Grades. Thanks for Reading.